

HOUSE No. 1628

By Miss Garry of Dracut, petition of Colleen M. Garry that municipal clerks be required to maintain records of all actions taken by governing and regulatory bodies in cities and towns. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING PUBLIC RECORDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 15A the following section:— Section 15B. City and
3 town clerks shall keep records of all actions and orders of city and
4 town officials, boards and committees that have an impact on the
5 livelihood of any person or persons. Such records shall include
6 but not be limited to permits, variances, issued or denied, desist
7 orders, stop work orders, and orders of condition. A completed
8 and detailed index shall be a part of such records. Said records
9 shall be public records under the provisions of chapter sixty-six.